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OF NUCLEIC ACID WITHOUT  
PROTECTING BASE MOIETY

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In reply to the Office Action dated November 16, 2009, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.

**Attachments:** Substitute Abstract following page 8.